

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
September 12, 2013

MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE. A RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) held its meeting at the SCAG Offices, in Los Angeles, California. The meeting was called to order by Hon. Greg Pettis, Chair, Cathedral City, District 2, at 9:00 a.m. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City, President	District 2
Hon. Carl Morehouse, 1st Vice-President	District 47
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, 2nd Vice-President	District 1
Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley, Imm. Past President	District 46
Hon. Bob Botts, Banning	RCTC
Hon. Margaret Finlay, Duarte	District 35
Hon. Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake	District 11
Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio	Lewis Group of Companies
Hon. Michele Martinez, Santa Ana	District 16
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41

Members Not Present

Hon. Lisa Bartlett, Dana Point	TCA
Hon. James Johnson, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Hon. Kris Murray, Anaheim	District 19
Hon. Gary Ovitt	San Bernardino County
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	SANBAG

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CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Greg Pettis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Hon. Glen Becerra led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Dr. Tom Williams on behalf of the Sierra Club Transportation Committee commented on matters concerning the Los Angeles and Long Beach Ports and Rail systems.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, announced that he and SCAG's Executive Team have been traveling throughout the region to meet with city managers to discuss items of mutual interest, including topics associated with implementing the approved 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS).

Mr. Ikhata provided an update and commented on the issues associated with implementing the new 'Buy America' requirements under MAP-21 for the California utility industry. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) announced a six-month grace period, ending on December 31, 2013, to allow time for the utility industry and federal agencies to address the impacts of the new requirements. A group of Southern California transportation agencies, including SCAG, collectively provided comments to FHWA regarding general waivers from the 'Buy America' policy. SCAG staff, partner agencies and other business partners continue to work towards a long-term solution to ensure that there are no delays in implementing over \$6 billion dollars of future transportation projects in the Southern California region.

Mr. Ikhata reported that SCAG has been engaged with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) in building a collaborative effort to implement RC Adopted Goods Movement MAP-22 Principles with major metro areas of the nation.

Mr. Ikhata asked Debbie Dillon, Deputy Executive Director Administration, to introduce SCAG's new Human Resources Manager, Ms. Carmen Flores.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hon. Greg Pettis commented on the upcoming key events listed in the President's Monthly Report which was previously distributed to the EAC. He asked the Committee to let staff know of their interest concerning the upcoming events, particularly NARC's and SCAG's

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2013 Executive Directors' Conference being held September 30 – October 2, 2013 in Santa Monica. A VIP reception will be held on September 29, 2013.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Sustainability Program Project List Approval

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, asked the Committee to approve SCAG's Sustainability Program Proposal Review list; to authorize the Executive Director to fund Phase 1 projects in FY14; and to authorize the Executive Director to expeditiously seek additional State/Federal funding for Phase 2 and Phase 3 projects.

Mr. Ikhata noted that SCAG received a total of seventy-six (76) proposals, with total funding requests of just over \$10 million. Seventy-three (73) are recommended for funding.

A motion was made (Jahn) to approve the Sustainability Program project list; 2) authorize the Executive Director to fund Phase 1 projects in FY14; and 3) authorize the Executive Director to expeditiously seek additional State/Federal funding for Phase 2 and Phase 3 projects. Motion was seconded (Viegas-Walker) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

2. SB 731 (Steinberg): California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, reported on the current actions and numerous language amendments taking place with the Legislative Leadership in seeking CEQA modernization legislation. Mr. Ikhata noted that after a week of amendments in the Assembly, the Legislative Leadership made SB 731 into a two-year bill. A CEQA exemption for the Sacramento Kings Arena via a gut-and-amend bill, SB 743 (Steinberg) was approved and sent to the Governor.

After a lengthy discussion concerning whether or not to oppose the bill, the Committee deferred the item to the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) being held on September 17, 2013 in order to discuss the amended bill. The LCMC will provide their recommendation at the October 3, 2013 EAC/RC meetings.

SCAG staff will continue to monitor and advise the Committee of further developments related to the bill. The updated SB 731 (Steinberg) report was provided in the EAC agenda board packet.

3. SB 99 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Budget Bill
Appropriation: Active Transportation Program

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Darin Chidsey, Acting Director, Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs, asked the Committee to support SB 99, a Budget Appropriations Trailer Bill, which reflects negotiated provisions between state and local stakeholders concerning active transportation. The full updated summary was provided in the EAC agenda board packet.

A motion was made (Martinez) to approve staff's recommendation. Motion was seconded (Morehouse) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4. SB 592 (Lieu): Trade Promotion of California Ports - Support

Darin Chidsey, Acting Director, Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs provided a brief overview of SB 592 which is a two-year bill that would require the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to convene a statewide partnership and action plan to ensure competitiveness of California Ports. He asked the Committee to adopt a "support" position on the bill.

Hon. Greg Pettis, Chair, commented that the LCMC, at its August 20, 2013 meeting, requested that any support of SB 592 by SCAG should provide the inclusion of "inland ports" in the provisions of the bill.

A motion was made (Jahn) to approve staff's recommendation. Motion was seconded (Finlay) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5. Litigation Update

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, provided an overview of the litigation matters that are of interest to SCAG officials, including: 1) the State Supreme Court decision regarding the Metro Expo Line Phase 2 Project; 2) MTC/ABAG Lawsuits related to its "Plan Bay Area"; 3) SANDAG Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies (RTP/SCS) EIR Appeal; and 4) California High Speed Rail- Proposition 1A Ruling.

Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, also noted that SCAG will be joining other transportation agencies in filing an amicus brief in support of SANDAG's in its appeal relating to the CEQA challenge of its EIR for its RTP/SCS which was adopted in 2011. Staff may also seek in the near future EAC/RC approval to join in an amicus effort related to the MTC/ABAG lawsuits if permitted by the court. The full report was provided in the EAC agenda board packet.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

6. Minutes of the August 1, 2013 Meeting
7. SCAG Sponsorships & Memberships
8. 2013 Investment Policy Annual Report

A motion was made (Finlay) to approve the Consent Calendar, Items 6-8. Motion was seconded (Viegas-Walker) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

9. 2014 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule

Hon. Greg Pettis, Chair, requested that item No. 9 be set aside for discussion.

The Committee discussed changing some Regional Council (RC) meeting dates. The committee voted on the following alternate dates and permanent changes for the 2014 Meeting Schedule:

- SCAG will be “DARK” in July instead of August;
- The September 4, 2014 RC meeting will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2014 in order to accommodate members so they may attend the September 3-5, 2014 League of California Cities Annual Conference in Los Angeles.

A motion was made (Jahn) to approve Item No. 9 on the Consent Calendar: 2014 Regional Council and Policy Committee meeting schedule, as revised. Motion was seconded (Botts) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Receive & File

10. September 2013 State and Federal Legislative Update

Sharon Neely, Chief Deputy Executive Director, referred to the September 2013 Federal and State Legislative Update report which highlighted key bills of interest. She noted that due to additional changes, an updated matrix will be presented at the Regional Council meeting.

11. Purchase Orders \$5,000 but less than \$200,000; Contracts \$25,000 but less than \$200,000; and Amendments \$5,000 but less than \$75,000

A motion was made (Jahn) to approve Receive and File. Motion was seconded (Morehouse) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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CFO MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Basil Panas, CFO, provided highlights of the CFO Monthly Financial Report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

There were no items requested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr. announced that all Tribal Councilmembers from the 16 federally recognized Tribal Governments in the SCAG Region have been contacted to meet on October 3, 2013 for the purpose of filling the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board (SCAG by-law term) policy committee positions on SCAG's Policy Committees. They are calling the meeting "The Council of Tribal Governments."

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Executive/Administration Committee will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LH Neal", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Lillian Harris-Neal, CMC
Clerk of the Board

EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

Member (including Ex-Officio) LastName, FirstName	Representing	X = County Represented											
		IC	LA	OC	RC	SB	VC	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.
Pettis, Gregory, Chair	Cathedral City				X			X		X	X		
Bartlett, Lisa	Dana Point			X				X		X			
Becerra, Glen, Imm. Past President	Simi Valley						X	X		X	X		
Botts, Bob	Banning, RCTC				X			X		X	X		
Finlay, Margaret	Duarte		X							X	X		
Jahn, Bill	Big Bear Lake					X		X		X	X		
Johnson, James	Long Beach		X					X		X			
LaBonge, Tom	Los Angeles		X					X		X			
Lewis, Randall, Ex Officio	Lewis Op. Corp.					X				X	X		
Masiel, Andrew, Sr.	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians				X			X			X		
Martinez, Michele	Santa Ana			X				X		X	X		
Millhouse, Keith	VCTC						X			X	X		
Morehouse, Carl, 1st VP	San Buenaventura						X	X		X	X		
Murray, Kris	Anaheim			X						X			
O'Connor, Pam	Santa Monica		X					X		X	X		
Ovitt, Gary	San Bernardino County					X		X		X			
Walker-Viegas, Cheryl, 2nd VP	El Centro	X						X		X	X		
Wapner, Alan	Ontario					X		X		X			
	Totals	1	4	3	3	4	3						